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SUBJECT: FAR EAST TRIP OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TRAVIS E. REED

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1. CONGEN IS EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY REED WILL PARTICIPATE IN HONG KONG AMERICAN FORTNIGHT. WE REGRET THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE THE INAUGURAL SPEECH ON OCTOBER 17, BUT ARE VERY GLAD THAT HE CAN MAKE REMARKS AT OTHER MEANINGFUL AND APPROPRIATE EVENTS. OUR SUGGESTIONS IN THAT CONNECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, OPEN ALONG WITH MISS AMERICA, THE DRAGON SEED DEPARTMENT STORE'S GRAND AMERICAN FORTNIGHT PROMOTION AT 2:30 P.M. WE ARE DRAFTING APPROPRIATE REMARKS FOR THAT OCCASION AND WILL FORWARD THEM IN AMPLE TIME FOR HIS REVIEW.

B. INSTEAD OF DINNER ON OCTOBER 19, BE PRESENT AT THE AMERICAN FORTNIGHT ENTERTAINMENT EXTRAVAGANZA FEATURING MISS AMERICA, THE KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES AND THE RANGER BAND, AND THE ROYAL HAMPSHIRE BAND AT THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB STADIUM AT 6:00 P.M. HE WILL BE INTRODUCED, BUT WILL NOT NEED TO SPEAK.

C. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER INVITES THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO A BREAKFAST BRIEFING BY THEM ON AMERICAN BUSINESS PLANS AND PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG AND THE PRC. FOLLOWING THIS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY REED WOULD ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THE OPENING OF THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT THE FURAMA HOTEL AT 12 NOON AND, ALONG WITH MISS AMERICA AGAIN AND HKG OFFICIAL, OPEN THE

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INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT THE FURAMA HOTEL. DRAFT REMARKS

ARE BEING PREPARED.

D. ON THE SAME DAY OPEN THE SINCERE DEPARTMENT STORE'S
GRAND AMERICAN FORTNIGHT PROMOTION AT 2:30 P.M. AND OPENING
MODE ELITE GRAND AMERICAN FORTNIGHT PROMOTION AT 3:30 P.M.
DRAFT REMARKS ARE BEING PREPARED.

2. MAJOR EVENT OF THE EVENING OF THE 20TH IS TWO-HOUR TV
SPECTACULAR "AMERICAN STYLE" BASED ON FORTNIGHT AND INVOLVING
A NUMBER OF THE PRINCIPALS. WE ARE LEAVING THIS PERIOD OPEN
IN ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE, ALTHOUGH CONSUL GENERAL
MAY HOST SMALL DINNER.

3. CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. CROSS WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE
HAD ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND MRS. REED AS THEIR GUESTS AT
RESIDENCE, HOWEVER, DURING PERIOD NOW ESTABLISHED FOR
ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT, LIMITED ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE
BEEN COMMITTED TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES,
WILLIAM SULLIVAN, WHO WILL BE IN HONG KONG FULFILLING AN
OFFICIAL NON-FORTNIGHT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT. GUEST SUITE
HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND MRS. REED
AT THE HONG KONG HILTON WHERE REST OF PARTY WILL ALSO BE
STAYING.

4. REQUEST ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REACTION TO REVISED
SCHEDULE TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR THINGS
WE CAN DO TO ACCOMMODATE HIS PARTY DURING THEIR STAY WITH
US.

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